House-building advances to the employees of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

READ—

1. Subject No. 44 dealt with by the Committee appointed to revise the Municipal Account Manual in the matter of the grant of house-building advances to the employees of the Municipal and Local Boards.

2. The recommendation of the Committee in the matter.

ORDER No. L. 2298-317—L. B. 80-24-1, DATED 15TH SEPTEMBER 1924.

The question of the grant of house-building advances to the officials employed by the Municipal Councils and Local Boards has been under consideration for some time past. Article 263 of the Mysore Account Code prohibits the grant of advances from general revenues to Municipal servants and there is no provision either in the Municipal or in the Local Boards and Village Panchayets Regulations authorising the grant of house-building advances to the employees of these Local Bodies.

2 Government consider that employees of the local bodies should not be deprived of the benefit of the rules relating to house-building advances. They are therefore pleased to direct that Municipal Councils and Local Boards may be authorised to make house-building advances from their own funds to their employees, subject to sanction of Government in each case.

3. Necessary action will be taken to introduce legislation to amend the Municipal and Local Boards and Village Panchayet Regulations accordingly.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Relief of Distress in the Tumkur District.

READ—

Memo No. D. 5 of 1924-25, dated 30th August 1924, from the Revenue Commissioner forwarding report No. O. C. 1840—1922-23 of the 26th August 1924, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, reporting on the seasonal conditions in Pavagada and Maddagiri Taluks and requesting the sanction of Government for :—

1. Permission to take up fresh works.
2. Grant of Rs. 800 for gratuitous relief.
3. Grant of Rs. 5,000 for issue of loans to weavers.
4. Additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 for Village Improvement Works.
5. Grant of Rs. 30,000 for Tank Maintenance and other works.
6. Additional allotment of Rs. 75,000 for Takavi and Subsistence loans.
7. Continuance of the Distress establishment.

2. Revenue Commissioner's letter No. D. 5—1924-25, dated 1st September 1924, forwarding the Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's D. O. letter No. O. C. 1840—1922-23, dated 30th August 1924, reporting on the seasonal conditions in Maddagiri, Pavagada and parts of Gubbi and Sira Taluks.

ORDER No. Dis. 153-7, DATED 6TH SEPTEMBER 1924.

The Deputy Commissioner's report shows that seasonal conditions in Pavagada, Maddagiri and parts of Sira and Gubbi still continue to cause anxiety.

2. Government have already sanctioned a sum of Rs. 200 for gratuitous relief for the Tumkur District. They are pleased to sanction a further sum of Rs. 800 for the purpose.

3. A sum of Rs. 5,000 is also sanctioned for the grant of loans to weavers. The amounts should be advanced through the medium of Co-operative Societies.

4. Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10,887 for completing incomplete tank maintenance works in the Tumkur District. In view of the demand for labour which is reported to exist, the Chief Engineer is requested to arrange in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, to commence Tank Maintenance Works, Tank Restoration works as the case may be, in the affected areas in order to provide employment to the people. A sum of Rs. 15,000 for Tank Maintenance Works and an equal amount for Tank Restoration are sanctioned.

5. A further allotment of Rs. 75,000 is also sanctioned for Takavi loans. Government have already expressed the undesirability of the indiscriminate grant of subsistence loans.

The relief to the affected people should, as far as possible, be given in the shape of wages for work done.

6. Separate orders have already been passed as regards the continuance of the Distress Establishment till the end of the current month. As regards the funds required for Village Improvement, the Revenue Commissioner is requested to provide additional funds for the Tumkur District by redistributing the Budget grant.

7. The total amount of Rs. 1,10,800 sanctioned in this order will be met out of the grant for Distress Relief operations during 1924-25, which will be separately provided.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Relief of Distress in the Taluks of Maddagiri and Pavagada.

READ—

Government Order No. 131-5—D. dated 28th August 1924, passing orders regarding the continuance of Distress Relief Operations in the Tumkur District and directing the discontinuance of the services of the Special Deputy Amildar, Maddagiri, and requesting the Revenue Commissioner to tour in the affected areas of that district and submit a report regarding the actual conditions prevailing therein.

2. Government Order No. 153-7—D., dated 6th September 1924, sanctioning certain further measures for the relief of distress in Maddagiri and Pavagada.

3. Letter No. D. 5—24-25, dated 9th September 1924, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting a report on the actual conditions prevailing in the affected Taluks namely Gubbi, Maddagiri, Pavagada and Sira of the Tumkur District and recommending certain measures.

ORDER No. 162-4—D., DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER 1924.

The Revenue Commissioner who recently toured in the affected areas of the Tumkur District, *viz.*, Gubbi, Maddagiri, Pavagada and Sira, reports that in Gubbi Taluk the crops are good except in the Nittur and Chelur Hoblies where conditions have not completely improved. The Sira Taluk also is not seriously affected except some villages in Baragur and Chikkanahalli Hoblies. Conditions in Pavagada and Maddagiri and also in a few villages in Koratagere are reported to be worse than they were this time last year.

2. Government have already in their order of the 6th instant sanctioned additional grants for relief measures such as Loans, Gratuitous Relief and Works to provide employment to the people. Government are pleased to sanction the following further measures which have been recommended by the Revenue Commissioner.

1. The appointment of special Deputy Amildar which was abolished with effect from the 1st instant will be revived and it will be continued till the end of December 1924.

2. The existing temporary establishment as noted in the margin will be continued till the end of December and in addition a Sheikdar each on Rs. 35 plus 10 is sanctioned for this purpose.

Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluk Office,	1 Clerk on Rs. 25 each.
For Maddagiri,	A Special Sheikdar.
District Office, Tumkur,	A Clerk on Rs. 40 per mensem.

3. A sum of Rs. 1,200 is sanctioned for gratuitous relief in addition to the sum of Rs. 1,000 already sanctioned for this purpose.

4. A sum of Rs. 2,500 is sanctioned for the grant of subsistence loans, the amount being met out of Rs. 75,000 sanctioned for grant of Takavi loans in the order of 6th instant read above.

3. Government do not consider it necessary to open any experimental kitchens at present.

4. The additional expenditure incurred on account of the above measures will be debited to the grant for Distress Relief Operations during 1924-25 which will be separately provided.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.